

THE BELGIAN HARE

MANAGEMENT, MATING AND BREEDING.

One of the chief reasons why the Belgian hare is gaining such great popularity is the small space in which it can be successfully raised. Any back yard, no matter how small, is sufficient to raise a good number. They can be allowed to run on the ground in summer, provided there is shade and the ground is dry, but we prefer the following system:

Give each breeding doe and the stud buck a separate hutch, about 3x4x2 feet high. Let the floor, top, back and sides be tight and the front covered with wire netting (one-inch mesh). Place a door in the front large enough to permit of easily cleaning out the hutch, and provide the brood doe with a nest box about twenty inches long, twelve inches high and twelve wide. This nest box may have a cover for your own use, but should otherwise be tight, leaving only an opening six inches square for the use of the doe. In hot weather take off the cover of this box. Provide earthenware or tin drinking and feed vessels.

These hutches may be built in the form of a rabbitry, side by side, and perhaps two or three banks high, or they may be dry goods boxes converted into a hutch. The hutches should be covered with a shed roof, allowing the roof to extend far enough over the fronts to insure against storm beating in. The rabbitry should face the east and south. Shade should be provided in extremely hot weather, and a heavy canvas or carpet hung on the fronts of the hutches during cold winter nights.

Keep the hutches clean. This positively must be done in order to preserve the health of your hares. Provide plenty of litter, such as straw, leaves, etc.

What you feed is perhaps of less importance than how you feed. A doe with litter, or youngsters up to three months of age, should have feed standing before them at all times. With these two exceptions, never feed more than will be eaten clean within one hour. Always feed at the same time of day, not 6 o'clock one day, 8 o'clock the next. Feed clean, bright oats or wheat in the morning, a small piece of parsnip, carrot or the like at noon, oats or wheat and alfalfa or clover hay at night; clear water at all times. Dry bread, bread and milk, rolled oats, etc., are excellent to a nursing doe.

Green food or vegetables of any kind must be fed sparingly at first and gradually increased.

Judicious mating is very essential in the production and rearing of any stock. Pedigree is almost as much importance as individual quality. Even cull stock will occasionally produce a good or fair specimen. This reversion of nature is not to be depended on, and the specimen is worthless as a breeder. On the other hand, a poor specimen, if backed by ancestors of good quality, is quite apt to be a good breeder.

Whether breeding for market or the show room have a type in mind and make every mating with a view of securing it. Strike a balance—that is, mate one deficient with another perfect at that point.

After the doe has visited the buck and is placed in her hutch, provided with the nest box, begin feeding her an extra allowance all round, particularly green food or vegetables. She is due to kindle in about thirty days and should be provided with straw or litter, with which to build her nest, a few days before due. During the period of pregnancy keep her as quiet as possible and see that she has an extra supply of water at time of kindling. In her frenzy of thirst at this period she is quite apt to kill her young if not well supplied with water.

After three or four days remove the doe from the hutch, giving her some tidbits to keep her quiet, while you examine the young.

Seven or eight is all a doe can raise successfully, and any excess of this number should be killed.

The young can be taken from the doe when six weeks old in warm weather, but will do better if left for eight or ten weeks in very cold weather. The doe can then be started for another litter. Separate the bucks from the does when three months old. When taken from the doe they may either be placed in a larger hutch or given a run on the ground. The young may be safely bred when six months of age unless they are under size; in that case a month longer would be beneficial. If you intend the young bucks for market, castrate them at about four months old and they may continue running together; if for breeders, separate them at this age.—E. W. Graham in Pet Stock Tribune.

BOGUS MONEY ABROAD.

Banks Warned to Watch for Spurious \$20 Notes.

The banks of Albuquerque, as well as the entire Southwest, have been instructed to keep a sharp lookout for spurious \$20 bills purporting to be of the 1880 issue. The New Orleans sub-treasury, where a number of them have turned up, sends forth the warnings.

It is impossible to tell how many of the counterfeit bills have been given circulation, but an estimate based upon the number which have so far been brought to light, places it at several hundred.

Information received during the last few days cites that in the genuine bill the rose of the Hamilton vignette on the certificate's left end is slightly aquiline, while in the bogus note it is a straight bridge and drops lower over the lips. The fake bill also carries a firmer mouth and there is no space between the hair cue and the neck, as is shown in the good money.

Another defect is in the picture of the woman on the right end, which shows the eyes close together and slanting, while in the genuine they are regular, closely printed and prominent in comparison with the remainder of the print. An indistinct and blurred scroll is marked around the figures "20" in the bill's center. At the bottom of the good note the small star stands out quite clearly from the scroll work, but in the bogus bill it is blurred and crowded.

The notes are accredited with being a clever execution, by which the general public may be easily fooled. Microscopic investigation, however, clearly shows the counterfeit.

DOUBLE-HEADER WINS.

Railroad Commission Decides Against Employees.

The Texas Railroad commission has decided against railroad employees in the double-header fight. An Austin special says:

"The Railroad commission today rendered a decision refusing to grant the application of railway employees that the practice of running double-header trains on Texas railroads be prohibited. It was a unanimous decision and all three commissioners will sign the refusal notice, which will be issued tomorrow. The reason stated for not granting the application is that the evidence given at the hearing did not warrant such action; that no complaint whatever was made by the employees of the Fort Worth & Denver City road to the running of double-headers on that road, and that the practice is in operation on many other roads of the country and no complaint has been heard from employees on these lines."

A Life And Death Fight.

Mr. W. A. Hines of Manchester, Ia., writing of his almost miraculous escape from death, says: "Exposure after measles induced serious lung trouble, which ended in Consumption. I had frequent hemorrhages and coughed night and day. All my doctors said I must soon die. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which completely cured me. I would not be without it even if it cost \$5.00 a bottle. Hundreds have used it on my recommendation and all say it never fails to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles." Regular size 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at F. J. Watron's Drug Store.

Now is the time to begin saving cherry stones. Any of the fruit pits—cherry, plum, peach or apricot—washed and boiled in clear water, then dried in the sun, and put into chintz or cheesecloth bags, cannot be excelled when hot applications are needed for ear or toothache. Heat in the oven and apply to the affected part. The stones give out a pleasant, spicy odor and retain the heat for a long time.

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One of our exchanges gets off the following: A couple were recently married and the bride invited an old aunt to the wedding. The cards were well affairs, and in one corner bore the inscription, "children not expected." After scanning it closely over her specs, the old lady said: "That's all right, but they'll have them just the same."

The only safe way for a man to meet his wife with a smile on his lips is to chew a few cloves just after the "smile."

Ethel—Look quickly, dear! there goes Mattie Straitlayce. She married her ideal of a husband.

May—I wonder what her ideal of a husband is?

Ethel—A man who will let her do just as she pleases without letting her know that he knows he's letting her do it.—Judge.

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